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Amendments in the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A device for treating meat products, comprising:
at least one treatment section having a space for accommodating the products, which space comprises a treatment device for treating the products; and
a discharge device for discharging the products from the space of the treatment section,
wherein the discharge device can ~~be brought into~~ assume an active a discharging position for discharging products from the space for accommodating the products and an inactive ~~operating~~ state, and wherein in the active ~~operating~~ state discharging position the discharge device is located at least partially within the ~~treatment section~~ space that accommodates the products.
2. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the discharge device ~~can be~~ is moved between an the active discharging position and an the inactive state position with the ~~aid of~~ an actuating device.
3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein each treatment section is provided with its own actuating device.
4. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the actuating device is common to a plurality of treatment sections.
5. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the actuating device comprises a rod which can be actuated from outside the device.

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6. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the actuating device comprises a piston-cylinder unit.
7. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the actuating device comprises a cam track mechanism.
8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 2, wherein the actuating device is designed to generate a control signal after the discharge device of the treatment section has been moved into the active discharging position.
9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 2, ~~comprising wherein the~~ at least ~~two~~ one treatment section[[s]] comprises at least a first treatment section and a second treatment section through which the products ~~are to~~ pass in succession[[,]] and wherein the actuating device ~~being~~ is designed to move the discharge device of the second treatment section into an its active discharging position ~~in order for the second treatment section to be emptied~~ before moving the discharge device of the first treatment section into its active discharging position.
10. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 2, ~~comprising wherein the~~ at least ~~two~~ one treatment section[[s]] comprises at least a first treatment section and a second treatment section through which the products ~~are to~~ pass in succession[[,]] and wherein the actuating device ~~being~~ is designed to move the discharge device of the first and the second treatment sections into an active their discharging position essentially at substantially the same time ~~in order for the first and the second treatment section to be emptied~~.
11. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the treatment device comprises at least one massaging element[[,]] and the discharge device interacts with the at least one massaging element ~~in order to reach~~ assume the active and the inactive discharging position.

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12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the treatment device is designed to ~~be set in motion~~ move with the aid of a drive.

13. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12, ~~comprising wherein the~~ at least two ~~one~~ treatment section[[s,]] comprises a plurality of treatment sections and wherein the movement of the ~~different~~ treatment devices of the ~~different~~ at least two of the plurality of treatment sections differs.

14. (Original) The device of claim 12, wherein the treatment device is designed to be rotated.

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 14, ~~comprising wherein the~~ at least two ~~one~~ treatment sections, ~~the different~~ comprises a plurality of treatment sections and wherein the treatment devices of at least two of the ~~different~~ plurality of treatment sections ~~haveing~~ a common bearing.

16. (Currently Amended) The device of claim [[14]] 15, wherein the bearing comprises a ring, ~~along the~~ having a circumference of along which ~~ring a number of at~~ least one wheels ~~coupled to the treatment device~~ are movables.

17. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein the ~~different~~ treatment devices of at least two ~~the different~~ of the plurality of treatment sections are mounted on the same shaft.

18. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 14, wherein the treatment device ~~rotation~~ takes place relative to an essentially in a rotational direction about a substantially horizontal axis of rotation.

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19. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 18, wherein the treatment device comprises at least one surface ~~which is oriented~~ at an angle to the rotational direction of ~~movement thereof~~ the treatment device.

20. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 19, wherein the treatment device comprises a ~~number~~ plurality of surfaces ~~which are oriented~~ at an angle to each one another and, ~~as seen in cross section, to form one or more~~ at least one point[[s]].

21. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 20, wherein the vertex angle of the at least one point[[s]] is at least approx[[.]]imately 45°.

22. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 20, wherein the plurality of surfaces form a plurality of points ~~are arranged at~~ separated in the treatment section a distance from one another.

23. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 20, wherein the ~~points are formed~~ treatment device is asymmetrically-shaped.

24. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 20, wherein the ~~dimensions~~ plurality of surfaces form a plurality of points and wherein at least some of the points have differing dimensions ~~from one another~~.

25. (Original) The device of claim 20, wherein the surfaces are integral with a wall of the treatment section.

26. (Original) The device of claim 19, wherein the at least one surface is movable along a stationary wall of the treatment section.

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27. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 26, wherein an edge of the at least one surface, ~~the edge facing~~ that is proximal the wall[[,]] is situated at a distance from the wall.

28. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 26, wherein the at least one surface rotates about an axis of rotation and is arranged pivotable about a hingedly, the having a hinge axis, wherein the hinge axis is substantially being essentially parallel to said axis of rotation.

29. (Original) The device of claim 28, wherein at least one spring member is provided for biasing the at least one surface to a predetermined hinge position.

30. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the treatment device comprises a ~~massaging substance feed device, which~~ for supplying a substance for treating products, wherein the feed device is arranged at least partially in the space of the treatment section, ~~for supplying a massaging substance.~~

31. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein ~~a peripheral~~ the device further comprises:

at least one wall defining of the space of the treatment section is provided with for accommodating the products, wherein the wall comprises perforations[[,]]; and

a chamber, which is open at least on the side of peripheral wall, being formed positioned outside the space[[,]] and adjacent to the peripheral wall, in order to supply or discharge wherein a treatment medium [[to]] is supplied from the chamber into the space or discharged from the space into the chamber via the perforations.

32. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the treatment device comprises a device for the transfer of heat via a ~~peripheral~~ wall of the space of the treatment section.

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33. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the treatment device comprises needles which project into the space of the treatment section.

34. (Original) The device of claim 33, wherein the needles can be moved in a controllable manner in their longitudinal direction.

35. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the treatment section comprises a rotatable drum which defines the said space, which wherein the drum has an axis of rotation and a direction of rotation.

36. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 35, wherein the treatment device comprises ~~a series of blades which are~~ at least one blade arranged in the space and ~~operate so as, wherein the~~ at least one blade operates to cut products in the space in the direction of rotation.

37. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 35, wherein the treatment device comprises a rotatable roller which for massaging deformable products, wherein the rotatable roller is arranged in the space and the has an axis of rotation substantially of ~~which is parallel to the axis of rotation of the drum, which roller acts so as to massage deformable products.~~

38. (Original) The device of claim 37, wherein the roller is provided with grooves on its outer surface.

39. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the discharge device comprises a product-guiding part, a discharge end of which is located outside the treatment section.

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40. (Original) The device of claim 39, wherein the product-guiding part is in the form of a gutter.

41. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the discharge device is designed, capable when in its active ~~operating state, to discharging position of~~ discharging both the products and a liquid and/or a solid massaging substance located in the corresponding treatment section for treating products from the space.

42. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the discharge device is designed, capable when in its active ~~operating state, to discharge~~ discharging position of discharging the products from the space and to returning a liquid and/or a solid massaging substance located in the corresponding treatment section ~~to this treatment section for treating products to the space~~.

43. (Original) The device of claim 42, wherein the discharge device is provided with perforations.

44. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the discharge device is designed, capable when in its active ~~operating state, to discharge the products, the liquid or solid massaging substances~~ discharging position of discharging products from the space but not discharging a substance for treating products located in the corresponding treatment section not being discharged space.

45. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein at least a part of a surface of the space of each treatment section is provided with a profile.

46. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein ~~different~~ a plurality of treatment sections are formed in a common space, ~~provision being made for a and separated by removable treatment device and~~ removable partitions between the different,

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wherein the treatment device of at least one of the plurality of treatment sections is removable.

47. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one treatment section has a wall which is at least partly removable.